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TO: Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Chair
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FROM: Mark J. Saladino
Treasurer and Tax Collector

SUBJECT: BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2003

At the meeting of September 30, 1997, your Board approved amendments to the Los Angeles County Code requiring the Treasurer and Tax Collector, in cooperation with the Sheriff and the Department of Health Services, to implement a reporting format to track business license enforcement activity and to provide a quarterly summary to the Board of all license enforcement activities performed by the appropriate agencies.

A copy of the Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2003 is attached for your information. Detailed enforcement activity is available upon request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (213) 974-2101 or your staff may contact Dwight Andersen of my staff at (213) 893-7968.

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Attachment

c: Business License Commission
Interdepartmental Coordination Group
Sheriffs Department
Department of Animal Care and Control
Fire Department
Department of Health Services
Regional Planning Department
Department of Public Works

**BUSINESS LICENSE ENFORCEMENT
ACTIVITY SUMMARY REPORT
QUARTER ENDING March 31, 2003**

TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR ACTIVITY

Businesses Inspected	571		
In Compliance		418	
Non Compliance		153	
	License Not Posted		39
	Unlicensed Activity		21
	New Owner		15
	Other Violation		78
Non Compliance Enforcement Actions		153	
Business w/County License		117	
Pending Disposition			22
Action Taken			95
	Owner Corrected Violation		95
	Referred to BLC and ICG		0
Business without County License		36	
Pending Disposition			7
Action Taken			29
	Corrected Violation		29
	Referred to ICG		0

TAXICABS

Inspected	158		
Sealed	158		
Special Taxicab Enforcement (See attached report)			
In Compliance	0		
Non Compliance	0		
Citation Issued/Impounded	0		
Itinerant Businesses Inspected	0		
(Peddler, Tow Truck, Circus/Carnival)			
In Compliance		0	
Non Compliance		0	
	Owner Corrected Violation		0
	Referred to BLC and ICG		0

REPORTS FROM CONSTITUENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE

Non Compliance		2	
Business w/County License		0	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			0
	Owner Corrected Violation		0
	Referred to BLC and ICG		0
Business without County License		2	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			2
	Corrected Violation		2
	Referred to ICG		0

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SHERIFF ACTIVITY

Businesses Inspected	20		
In Compliance		13	
Non Compliance		7	
Non Compliance	7		
Business w/County License		0	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			
Owner Corrected Violation			0
Referred to BLC and ICG			
Business without County License	7		
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			7
Citation/Warning			7
Corrected Violation			0
Referred to ICG			0

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT – AMBULANCE/AMBULETTE

Ambulance/Ambulette Vehicles Inspected	374		
In Compliance		345	
Non Compliance		29	
Action Taken		29	
Vehicle Out of Service			0
Owner Corrected Violation			29
Referred for Hearing			0

REPORTS FROM OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF NON COMPLIANCE

Non Compliance	1		
Business w/County License		0	
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			0
Owner Corrected Violation			0
Referred to BLC and ICG			0
Business without County License	1		
Pending Disposition			0
Action Taken			1
Corrected Violation			1
Referred to ICG			0

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FIRST DISTRICT

ABC Decoy Operation

Over the past year, the East Los Angeles Sheriff's COPS team conducted ABC decoy operations that targeted neighborhood markets in the community. As a result of this effort, fourteen businesses were issued misdemeanor citations for violation of State Law 2565(a) B&P, sales of alcohol to a minor. The Treasurer and Tax Collector, working in conjunction with the Sheriff Department recommended denial of new/renewal license applications for these businesses to the Business License Commission. To date, thirteen businesses have appeared before the Business License Commission, including the following two businesses, to appeal the denial of their license. The final remaining business was sold.

Farmers Outlet # 2, 4304 Floral Drive

On January 22, 2003, the Business License Commission granted the business' Food Establishment Business License under the condition that the owners complete the ABC Owner Education Program.

Boulevard Bar & Billiards, 4537 E. Whittier Boulevard

On January 29, 2003, the Business License Commission granted the business' Public Eating and Billiard Room Business Licenses under the following conditions: (1) owner and all employees complete ABC owner education program (2) a security guard to be present on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 6:30 p.m. to closing, and remain thirty (30) minutes after closing (3) a security guard present during special events (4) back door closed at all times (5) rear parking area be inspected regularly (6) lighting be installed in the back of location.

Pep Boys, 256 S. Atlantic Boulevard

The Treasurer and Tax Collector received citizens' complaints regarding the operation of this business. Specifically, residents have complained that the business has failed to formally address their concerns regarding street vending on the property, the unkempt and unclean condition of the parking lot and customers working on their vehicles on the property. The Treasurer and Tax Collector reported the business to the Business License Commission and refused to renew the business license pending a public hearing.

On February 26, 2003, the Commission Hearing was held. The Business License Commission granted the business' Motor Vehicle Repair Business License under the following conditions: (1) no vendors (2) no outside displays (3) keep property clean (4) maintain landscaping (5) 90 day review (6) building & safety inspections.

7-11 Store, 8147 Arroyo Drive

On March 13, 2003, a community meeting was held at Potrero Heights Park to discuss the criminal activity at the 7-11 store. Representatives of the First District, Treasurer and Tax Collector, Sheriff, 7-11 and the community attended the meeting. The community requested that alcohol sales be stopped at 10:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 a.m. and to have an armed security guard on site. The Sheriff intends to monitor this location and determine if it is considered a "nuisance."

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Peddler Enforcement

On March 22, 2003, the Treasurer and Tax Collector participated in a vendor abatement operation in the unincorporated East Los Angeles Area. The operation consisted of personnel from the Health Department, Building & Safety, Regional Planning and the East Los Angeles Sheriff. The vendor sweep targeted illegal food preparation, illegal carts and unlicensed lunch trucks and vendors. Ten inspection stops were made by the abatement team and many code violations were identified and the subject vendor's food confiscated.

SECOND DISTRICT

Club El Jardinero, 15213 S. Crenshaw Boulevard

On February 26, 2003, a Business License Commission Hearing continued from December 4, 2002, and January 15, 2003, was conducted. Citizens complained of being plagued by loud music, shootings and other disorderly conduct emanating from the business. Also, the Sheriff recommended denial of the application. At the January 15, 2003, hearing, a Notice of Intent to Deny letter was sent to the applicant by the Business License Commission. The applicant did not appear at the hearings. The Business License Commission voted to deny the applications for Dance, Entertainment and Billiard Room Business Licenses.

The Treasurer and Tax Collector received citizens' complaints that the business continued to operate without business licenses. On March 27, 2003, the Treasurer and Tax Collector issued a written warning notice to the owner of Club El Jardinero to cease the unlicensed activities at once. A subsequent visit found the business closed down.

FIFTH DISTRICT

The Star Children Academy, 2561 N. Fair Oaks Avenue

On March 27, 2003, in response to a complaint from the Department of Public Social Services, the Treasurer and Tax Collector conducted an investigation at 2561 N. Fair Oaks Ave. The complainant reported an unlicensed day care and private school operating at that location. Referrals were sent to the Health Department and Regional Planning. The TTC investigation revealed a day care and private school operating in the rear of a church. The church is the Hillside Tabernacle Church of God in Christ. The administrator reported 32 students and four teachers at the facility. The administrator also stated the school is maintained by the church. The result of the investigation by the Treasurer and Tax Collector determined that the school is exempt from the County of Los Angeles Business License requirement under Chapter 7.70.010 Sect. A (4).